

Severe Weather Briefing

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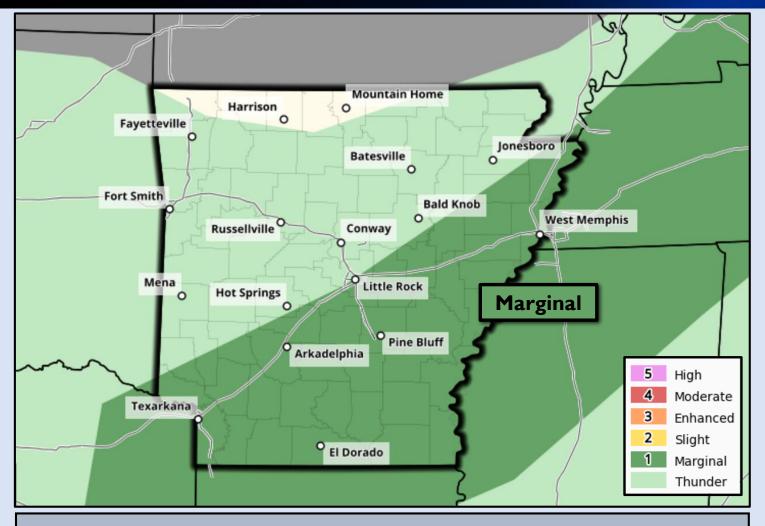


[Today through Friday]

- Another strong storm system will approach the state over the next few days, providing the next
 widespread thunderstorm chances on Thursday. In between now and then, a lingering cold front
 will remain the focus for intermittent showers and thunderstorms today and Wednesday.
- Severe weather chances will be in place across at least some portion of the state the next few days, with the next best widespread chances setting up on Thursday. Hail, damaging winds, and a few tornadoes will all be possible.
- Heavy to excessive rainfall and flash flooding will remain a concern given multiple rounds of precipitation over mostly saturated areas.
- Numerous river basins remain swollen as well, and expected rainfall this week will likely keep river levels elevated, including (but not limited to) the Ouachita, Lower White, and Black Rivers.







The leftovers of the line of storms from Monday night will likely be moving over southeast Arkansas Tuesday morning, and could re-intensify after sunrise. A brief strong to severe storm may be seen as the remnants leave the state.



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Up to Baseball

Up to Golf ball

Up to Quarter

Maximum Wind

80+ mph

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Tornado Potential

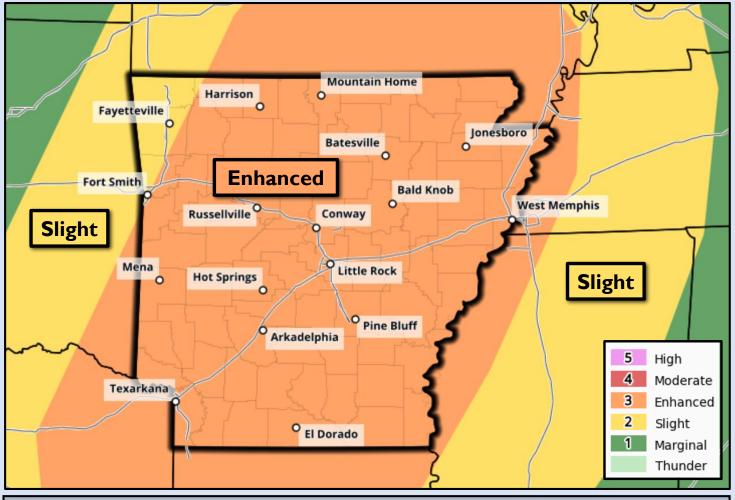
High

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Severe weather potential will return to the forecast area on Thursday, with most of Arkansas highlighted in an enhanced risk area. At this time, all severe weather hazards will be possible, including damaging winds, hail, and possibly a few tornadoes.



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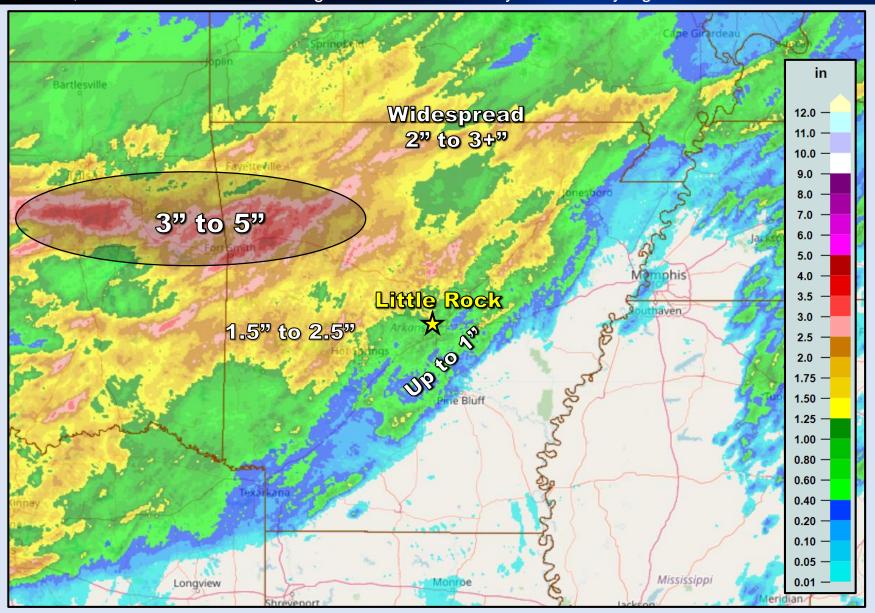
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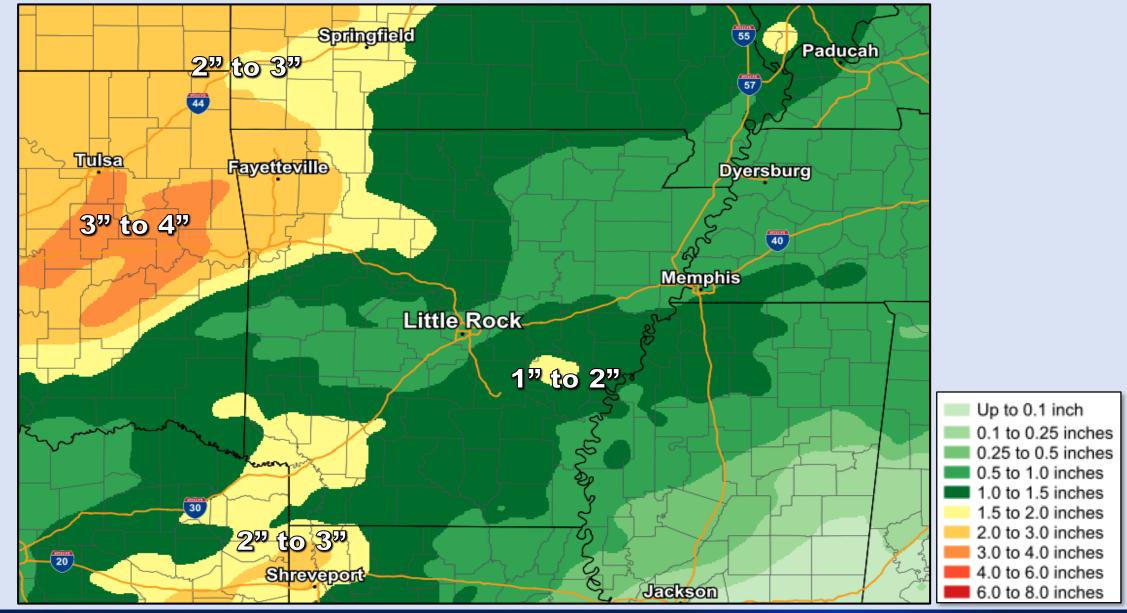
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Most of northern, northwestern, and central Arkansas saw significant rainfall Monday and Monday night.



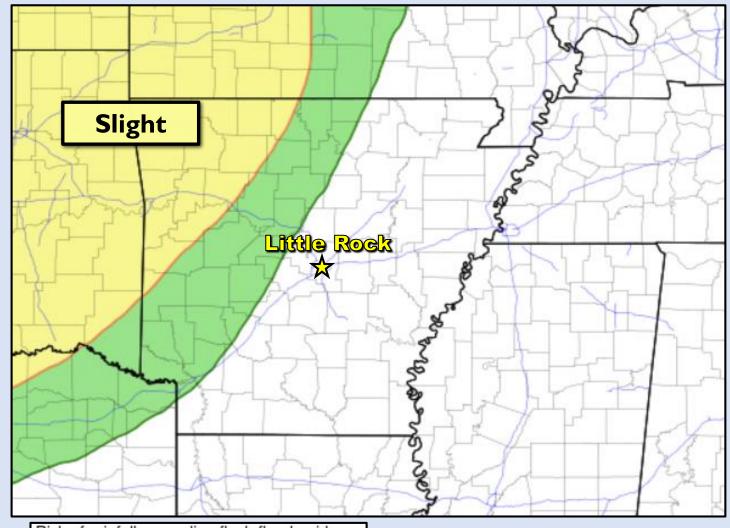




Excessive Rainfall Outlook (Wednesday - May 4)







Wednesday, a <u>slight</u> risk of excessive rainfall will be in effect for the northwestern portion of the state, meaning <u>there will be a 10% to 20% probability of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance.</u>

*Flash Flood Guidance: the amount of rainfall a basin can experience over a period of time (e.g., 3 hours) before it becomes saturated and runoff begins.

Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance within 25 miles of a point

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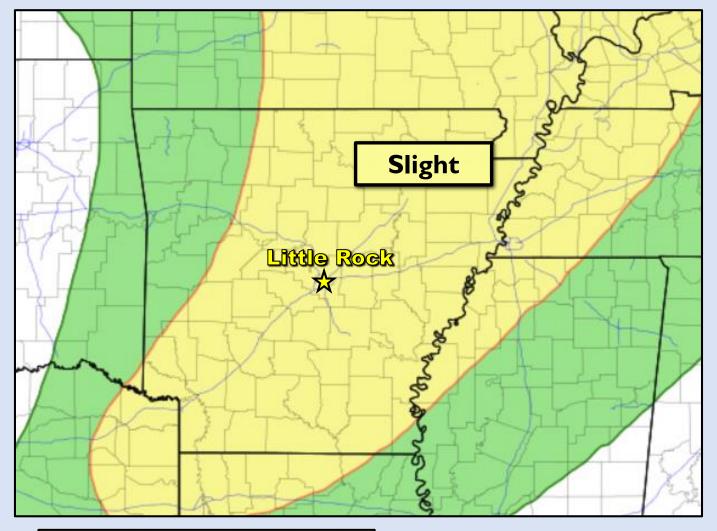
*Image courtesy of Pivotal Weather



Excessive Rainfall Outlook (Thursday - May 5)







Thursday, a <u>slight</u> risk of excessive rainfall will be in effect for a good portion of the state, meaning <u>there will be a 10% to 20% probability of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance.</u>

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